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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF RHODESIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. QUESTION OF RELEASE OF POLITICAL DETAINEES IN RHODESIA
BY SMITH REGIME REMAINS SENSITIVE POINT IN PRELIMINARY
NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING SETTLEMENT. INFORMATION AVAILABLE
TO DEPARTMENT INCLUDES GENERAL REPORTS INDICATING THAT
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PERHAPS 100 OF POSSIBLE 300-400 ZANU, ZAPU, FROLIZI,

AND ANC MEMBERS HELD BY RHODESIANS HAVE BEEN RELEASED
SINCE SMITH'S DECEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED REPORT FEBRUARY 27 FROM EDDISON
ZVOBGO, ZANU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER AND FORMER
DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL MISSIONS OF ANC, PRESENTLY AT HARVARD
LAW SCHOOL, THAT HIS LAWYER IN SALISBURY, ANTHONY EASTWOOD
OF SCANLAN AND HOLDERNESS, HAD INFORMED HIM, AFTER
INQUIRING OF RHODESIAN SECRETARY FOR LAW AND ORDER, THAT
ZVOBGO WOULD BE ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL IN
RHODESIA AND CHARGED WITH BREAKING HIS HOUSE ARREST AND
WITH QUOTE OFFENSES COMMITTED SINCE LEAVING RHODESIA.
UNQUOTE. ZVOBGO ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS INFORMATION WAS

THAT ALL MEMBERS OF ZANU AND ZAPU EXECUTIVES HAD
BEEN RELEASED.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES
CAN PROVIDE TO CLARIFY QUESTION OF NUMBER AND PROPORTION
OF POLITICAL PRISONERS RELEASED. POINT BEARS NOT ONLY
ON PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATIONS BUT ALSO ON ADVISEABILITY
OF RETURN TO RHODESIA BY POLITICAL EXILES IN SURROUNDING
COUNTRIES, UK, AND US. KISSINGER

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